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For: NONDESTRUCTIVE INSPECTION
APPARATUS AND NONDESTRUCTIVE
INSPECTION METHOD USING ELASTIC
GUIDED WAVE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 6, 10-13, and 23, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.